

Mrs. Wynkoop's class
February 2012 Newsletter

Hello cold weather! We hope you are all staying warm & healthy. We are already looking forward to spring! Thank you in advance to my room moms who are starting to plan our Valentine's Party.

Conferences are right around the corner. They will be held in March so I will continue to assess your child this month.

Our February Focus will include:

Letters: D, E & F

Numbers: 0 & 10

Color: Pink

Shape: Heart

Moral Focus: Love – As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:34

We will be discussing Leap year, Groundhog Day, Presidents' Day and Valentines' Day. Our Valentine party will be on **Monday, February 13th**. The children will also have a fun and educational experience in our preschool "post office." The children will learn what a mail carrier does! Each child will get a turn putting on our mail carrier costume and will pretend they are delivering mail. They will also get to sort the mail in our "post office."

This month, we will also talk about having a healthy heart, the importance of exercising, healthy & unhealthy food and dental health. To teach the children about how important it is to have healthy teeth, we will have a visit from Small Smiles Dental on **Friday, February 10th**. They will be talking with the children about good oral hygiene. We will also have a food experience making potato chips this month. YUM!

We will continue to introduce money. We will be talking about nickels. A guessing jar of candy will be in our room starting Monday, February 6th thru Friday, February 10th. Each child will get 1 guess each day. The closest guess will win & take home the jar of candy. Happy Guessing!

Important Reminders:

Wednesday, February 8th: **Pink Day, Please wear Pink & bring a pink show n tell item**

Friday, February 10th: **Dental Visit 10 am for morning class & 1 pm for the afternoon**

Monday, February 13th: **Valentine Party 11 am & 2 pm. ** A separate letter will come home about the party.**

Monday, February 20th: **NO SCHOOL on Presidents' Day**

As always if you have any questions or concerns please call 233-4771 or email

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God Bless,
Mrs. Wynkoop & Mrs. Diehl

January Lesson Plans
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Mrs. Wynkoop & Mrs. Diehl

Date: Wednesday, February 1

Circle Time: Intro to the heart shape/staying healthy/Letter E and Exercising as a class/Computer Time

Book: Get Up and Go! By Nancy Carlson

Activity: Cutting hearts out to make a Heart Fish craft/Letter E worksheet

Learning Outcome: Children will learn how to eat healthy and exercise to keep their hearts healthy

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Characteristics and Properties

Indicator: Identify, name, create and describe common two dimensional shapes in the environment and play situations

Date: Friday, February 3

Circle Time: Discuss Groundhog Day/learning about shadows/Assessments

Book: Geoffrey Groundhog Predicts The Weather by Bruce Koscielniak

Activity: Groundhog Plate craft

Learning Outcome: Children will learn what a Groundhogs shadow means?

Content Standard: Science

Organizer: Nature of Energy

Indicator: Explore familiar sources of the range of colors and the quality of light in the environment

Date: Monday, February 6

Circle Time: Intro into the Christian Value Love/Guessing jar/Star of the Week/Assessments

Book: I Love You So Much by Carl Norac

Activity: Making Valentine cards for the Church

Learning Outcome: Children will learn the meaning of Love

Content Standard: English Language Arts

Organizer: Reading Applications

Indicator: Use pictures and illustrations to aid comprehension

Date: Wednesday, February 8

Circle Time: Intro to color the Pink/Pink show n tell/Computer Time/Assessments

Book: Pink by Michael Dahl

Activity: Cutting out hearts and making a unique design/Pink worksheet

Learning Outcome: Children will learn to identify the color Pink

Content Standard: Social Studies

Organizer: Participation

Indicator: Demonstrate cooperative behaviors, such as helping, turn taking, sharing, comforting and compromising

Date: Friday, February 10

Circle Time: Dental Visit at 10am & 1pm to talk about Dental Health

Book: Does A Lion Brush? By Fred Ehrlich

Activity: Toothbrush Painting craft/Letter D worksheet

Learning Outcome: Children will learn the importance of taking care of their teeth

Content Standard: English language Arts

Organizer: Listening and Viewing

Indicator: Connect Information and events to personal experiences by sharing or commenting

Date: Monday, February 13

Circle Time: Talking about Valentine's Day/ "I Love You" song/Star of the Week

Book: Today Is Valentine's Day! By P.K. Hallinan

Activity: Valentine Parties 11am & 2pm

Learning Outcome: Children will learn how to show someone Love

Content Standard: English Language Arts

Organizer: Reading applications

Indicator: Follow simple directions

Date: Wednesday, February 15

Circle Time: Discuss Postal Carriers/ What is the process in which we receive mail?/Assessments

Book: Clifford's First Valentine's Day by Norman Bridwell

Activity: Post Office Play

Learning Outcome: Children will learn the importance of Post Offices

Content Standard: Social Studies

Organizer: Obtaining Information

Indicator: Gain information through participation in experiences with objects, media, books and engaging in conversations with peers

Date: Friday, February 17

Circle Time: Discuss Presidents Day/ Intro into Nickels/ Penny & Nickel Hunt

Book: Presidents' Day by Helen Frost

Activity: President Hand Print craft/Money worksheet

Learning Outcome: Children will learn why we have Presidents' Day & the value of money

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Number and Number Sense

Indicator: Identify penny, nickel, dime and quarter and recognize that coins have different values.

Date: Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL

Date: Wednesday, February 22

Circle Time: Intro to the letter Z/ Number 0/Find items that start with the letter Z game/Computer Time/Assessments

Book: My "x, y, z" Sound Box by Jane Belk Moncure

Activity: Painting the Letter Z/ Letter Z worksheet

Learning Outcome: Children will learn to identify the letter Z and will trace or write the letter Z.

Content Standard: English Language Arts

Organizer: Handwriting

Indicator: Begin to demonstrate letter formation in "writing"

Date: Friday, February 24

Circle Time: Intro into Junk Food/ charting healthy& unhealthy food/Assessments

Book: Healthy Food by A.R. Schaefer

Activity: Potato Chip Experiment

Learning Outcome: Children will learn what foods are healthy & unhealthy

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Data Collections

Indicator: Place information or objects in a floor or table graph according to one attribute

Date: Monday, February 27

Circle Time: Intro to the number 10/ Children will name 10 body parts/participate in rhyming song; "1, 2 Buckle my shoe"..../Star of the Week

Book: My 10 Book by Jane Belk Moncure

Activity: Coloring a rainbow of 10 colors

Learning Outcome: Children will review counting to number 10 and identify the number.

Content Standard: Math

Organizer: Number and Number Sense

Indicator: Count to 10 in the context of daily activities and play

Date: Wednesday, February 29

Circle Time: Discussing Leap Year/ learning about frogs/Computer Time

Book: Froggy Goes to School

Activity: Frog puppet craft

Learning Outcome: Children will learn about Leap Year & Frogs

Content Standard: Science

Organizer: Characteristics and Structure of Life

Indicator: Identify common needs (food, air, water) of familiar living things